

NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD Westgate Mobile Home Site 200 S. Buncombe Road, Greer, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through October 18, 2016.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 16-6410-NRP, will affect approximately 5.9 acres located at 200 S. Buncombe Road, Greer, South Carolina. The property is further identified by Greenville County Tax Map Serial Number G006000300103. A company known as Kairos of Greenville, LLC (Kairos), wants to acquire the property and intends to redevelop the property for retail space and a restaurant(s).

The property was developed between 1965 and 1976 as the West Gate Mobile Home Park located at 105 Chick Springs Road and as an automobile and marine repair shop. The Mobile Home Park operated until approximately 2005 and the repair shop operated until 2015. The mobile homes have been removed. Today the Property is occupied by one residence and the vacant repair shop buildings, one of which was a paint shop. An above ground storage tank (AST) is located at the repair shop.

Fugitive industrial emissions from the adjacent Exide Battery facility located west of the Property resulted in the deposition of lead in soil on the Property. Exide Corporation conducted a removal of surface soil from approximately three (3) acres of the Property in 1999. In 2016, volatile organic compounds were detected in groundwater at the repair shop.

This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and Kairos. DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to encourage productive reuse of Brownfield sites. DHEC will not hold Kairos responsible for pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under the proposed contract, Kairos will test soil and groundwater, and if warranted, will test soil vapor on the property. If significant contamination is found, Kairos will be required to take steps to protect human health and the environment. Kairos did not create the pollution, but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use. Under State law, Kairos will not be responsible if anyone has been affected by the contamination. The responsibility of former owners or operators of the property is not reduced by this contract.

The proposed contract is available at http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices/. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through October 18, 2016. Questions or comments may be directed to Jo Cherie Overcash, Project Manager, by e-mail at overcajc@dhec.sc.gov or telephone (803) 898-0924, or Alex Fulmer at TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Ms. Overcash at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.